

## **MONTANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

### **NURSING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES July 23, 2002**

- Meeting:** July 23, 2002  
8:30 a.m.  
Department of Labor and Industry/Business Standards Division/Health Care  
Licensing Bureau  
301 South Park  
Helena MT 59601
- Members Present:** Gretchen McNeely RN Member, Chairperson  
Lorena Erickson, Public Member  
Sharon Dschaak LPN Member
- Staff Present:** Barbara Swehla, Executive Director  
Darcee Moe, Board Counsel
- Call to Order:** Gretchen McNeely RN, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and declared a quorum present. Several guests were present. Sign up sheet is kept on file at the board office.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the April 23, 2001, Nursing Education Committee meeting were reviewed and approved as amended upon a motion by Lorena Erickson, public member, second by Sharon Dschaak, LPN member, and a unanimous vote.
- Agenda Adoption:** Gretchen McNeely reviewed the agenda and it was adopted as amended by the committee.
- NCLEX Education Plan: MSU Billings COT Graduate:**
- The committee reviewed the plan submitted by the MSU Billings COT applicant, Kathleena Anne Peck, who has failed NCLEX two times and needs an approved education plan to sit for a third time.
- Sharon Dschaak, LPN Member, moved to recommend to the full board to “accept the education plan for Kathleena Anne Peck”. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions from the vote or recusals.
- NCLEX Education Plan: MSU Northern Graduate:**
- The committee reviewed the plan submitted by the MSU Northern applicant, Tara Benson, who has failed NCLEX two times and needs an approved education plan to sit for a third time.
- Sharon Dschaak, LPN Member, moved to recommend to the full board to “accept the education plan for Tara Benson”. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions from the vote or recusals.
- NCLEX Education Plan: MSU Northern Graduate:**
- The committee reviewed the plan submitted by the MSU Northern applicant, Davida Hryszko, who has failed NCLEX two times and needs an approved education plan to sit for a third time.

Sharon Dschaak, LPN Member, moved to recommend to the full board to “accept the education plan for Davida R. Hryszko”. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions from the vote or recusals.

#### **Education Committee Goals for 2003 Fiscal Year:**

Lorena Erickson, Public Member moved to recommend to the full board to “Accept Nursing Education Committee goals for 2003-2004.” The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions from the vote or recusals.

#### **Non-Routine Application: Frances Behrman:**

Sharon Dschaak, LPN Member, moved to recommend to the full board to “move that we notify Frances L. Behrman that she #1 needs to complete a(n) RN psychiatric nursing course and #2 after completion of psychiatric nursing course make application to sit for the NCLEX RN exam”. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions from the vote or recusals.

#### **Instructor Requirements by NLNAC for PN Programs and Potential Barriers for Obtaining NLNAC Accreditation:**

The issues facing some practical nursing programs were discussed in terms of faculty qualifications by NLNAC that are more stringent than those of the Montana Board of Nursing. The proposed rules address the issue of voluntary national accreditation, but the committee discussed potential issues related to transfer (articulation) of credits of classes taught by less qualified faculty than is required of faculty for RN programs and issues of transfer of credits from non-nationally accredited programs.

#### **Program Quality and Requests for Program Expansions:**

The board’s proposed rule changes address the issue of expansion proposals and relationship to program quality issues.

Sharon Dschaak, LPN Member, moved to recommend to the full board to that “at least 3 of the last 5 years of NCLEX pass rates at or above the national average is required in order for the board to consider any expansion request”. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions from the vote or recusals.

#### **Board Jurisdiction Issues – Non Entry Level Program Expansion:**

The board’s proposed rule changes address the issue of expansion proposals and relationship to program quality issues even if the board does not have approval jurisdiction for the specific proposed expansion – such as offering a new, non-entry degree. The board has jurisdiction over the core entry level program and any expansion could have a negative or positive impact on the core program. As such, the board must receive a special report for expansions involving offering new degrees or any changes specified in the Special Reports section of the laws and proposed rule changes relating to nursing education.

#### **Preceptors in Non-Capstone Courses – Article for Discussion:**

The proposed rule changes address the use of preceptors and clinical resource nurses. No motion came forward on this issue.

#### **Recommendations Regarding Faculty Qualifications, Program Changes and Special Reports:**

##### **MSU Bozeman Faculty Qualifications:**

Lorena Erickson, Public Member, moved to recommend to the full board “accept the faculty qualifications with educational waiver for Laurie Glover.” The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions from the vote or recusals.

Sharon Dschaak, LPN Member, moved to recommend to the full board “accept the faculty qualifications with educational waiver for John Honsky, MSU Bozeman.” The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions from the vote or recusals.

Sharon Dschaak, LPN Member, moved to recommend to the full board “accept the faculty qualifications with educational waiver for Katie Mackey for MSU Bozeman with additional information in didactic and clinical in area of teaching responsibility pending receipt of this information.” The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions from the vote or recusals.

**Butte: UM – Montana Tech RN Program Special Report:**

Sharon Dschaak, LPN Member, moved to recommend to the full board to “accept the site visit report as amended for the Associate of Science RN Program – Butte – U of M Montana Tech. Recommend 4 year approval.” The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions from the vote or recusals.

Note: the amendment was to indicate that one requirement, ARM 8.32.1117 Students Subsection (5) was partially met, in that content contained in student files were inconsistent and have no formal procedure for maintaining student information. Karen Vandaveer, Program Director, was present and described actions being taken to address the issue. All other requirements were met.

**Butte: UM – Montana Tech RN Program and COT PN Program Proposed Curriculum Changes:**

Sharon Dschaak, LPN Member, moved to recommend to the full board “accept the curriculum changes for U of M – Mont Tech as presented.” The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions from the vote or recusals.

Note: the curriculum changes were explained by Karen Vandaveer, Program Director, to indicate that the PN program is momentarily on hold (no admissions), the ADN program will take new admissions into a 72 credit program, a transition plan is developed to progress current AAS PN students, and the current AAS PN program credit requirements will be decreased.

**Helena: UM – COT PN Program Proposed Program Changes:**

Lorena Erickson, Public Member, moved to recommend to the full board “accept the letter of intent from Helena COT for program change to LPN certificate from Associate of Applied Science program and to initiate a feasibility study for an Associate Degree RN (program).” The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions from the vote or recusals.

Note: the changes are significant and Ellen Wirtz, Program Director, discussed the rationale for the plan (too many credits for PN education) and that the COT program leadership is planning discussions with the RN program in the Helena area to determine potential impact on existing programs as required by Montana laws and rules relating to nursing education.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Education Committee meeting will be October 8, 2002. The meeting will be held in a conference room of the Federal/Department of Commerce Building 301 South Park, Helena (exact room to be announced – signs will be posted).

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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Gretchen McNeely RN  
Chairperson